

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

In the year 2009, 13 applications for public hearing were received by the Board of Appeals. Of those, six were for variance from the Zoning Bylaws of the Town; five were granted and one was denied. There were six applications for special permit, and all were granted with specific conditions.

The Board heard an appeal from the action of the Building Commissioner in denying the issuance of a building permit. The Board supported the Building Commissioner's action in his denial. The applicant has appealed the Board's decision in Land Court.

There were significant changes in the membership of the Board. Donald Hyde, a member for over 40 years, passed away. He had also served the Town as Moderator for 25 years. Richard Martin, a 48-year member, resigned. Also resigning was Donald "Gene" Dwinells, a 38-year member. Gene served the town in many other capacities, retiring as Police Chief after almost 30 years with the Department. All served the Town and its citizens very well and are missed.

The Board welcomed two new members, Ruth Sudduth and Andrew DeMore, to fill the unexpired Associate terms. At this writing, there is a vacancy with term to expire in 2012.

The Board of Appeals meets on the first Monday of each month, as needed, in the Town Building. Applications may be obtained at the Town Clerk's office. Information regarding procedure and application for hearing may be obtained by contacting Catherine Desmond, Secretary to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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TOWN SERVICES

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

This winter season of 2008-2009 gave the Highway Department 64 inches of snow (unofficially) to contend with on the Town's roads. December 2008 alone saw 29.5 inches of snowfall upon the town in 5 different plowable snow events. When winter was over, this department had dealt with 11 different plowable snow events and dispatched our sanders 65 different times to treat slippery roads.

This year's construction projects mainly consisted of reconstruction work on Sudbury Road. In the spring we had full depth pavement reclamation performed on Sudbury Road between Gleasondale Road and Boon Road. We also installed new bituminous concrete berm on areas of the road that could have a potential for shoulder erosion. A final course of new bituminous concrete was added to the road surface for the finished product.